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# NOTES AND PRECIS.

D.No: 6285. N(1)

Draft submitted.

A. Subbaye
27/7/34.

(Cfra. para. 1)

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28-7-34.

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Please see S.N.1 & 2.

In 1922 the Municipal Commission recommended by a narrow majority that a grant of Rs.500/- from Municipal funds be given to Srimathi Annavasanthi Sangham for improving the Library and Reading Room attached to the Sangham. The Resident was not satisfied that the value of the Institution to the public generally was such as to justify its being supported from public funds and he therefore reluctantly vetoed the appropriation.

The Commission now recommend that a grant of Rs.200/- per annum be paid to the Sangham in aid of its Library and Reading Room on account of the Sangham's increased activities and usefulness.

A copy of the printed Retrospect of the Sangham's work is submitted. Para.4 of this deals with the activities of the Library and Reading Room. The previous orders declining the grant were passed twelve years ago and it would appear

appear that during this period the Library has expanded and is now being made use of by the public generally to a greater extent than in 1922.

(6) That the Library and Reading room are more active and useful now than in 1922 has been admitted by the Commission and it is for this reason that they have now repeated their recommendation for the payment of a grant. The Standing Committee to whom the matter was first referred recommended the grant to the Commission and the Commission appear to have approved the recommendation unanimously.

(7) In submitting the Commission's resolution for the President's orders, the President, Municipal Commission has not expressed any opinion for or against the recommendation.

(8) In this connection, it may be mentioned that the Commission have recommended payment from Municipal funds, a non-recurring donation of Rs.200/- to the Y.M.C.A.(bourdillon Branch), Bangalore in aid of its Library and Reading room for the current year only-vide papers in R.O.file No.632/1934 also submitted for orders.

(9) The cases appear to be more or less similar and it is therefore for consideration whether a lumpsum non-recurring donation of Rs.200/- may also be sanctioned in aid of the Sangham's Library and Reading room instead of a recurring grant of Rs.200/- per annum as recommended by the Commission. The authority under which the donation may be sanctioned is section 69(2)(k) of the Municipal Law. The P.M.C. may be consulted r.e. in the matter.

(10) Submitted for orders.

A. Subbaraya
1/9/34.

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(11) No valid reasons seem to be apparent for the dissimilar treatment which the Commission propose to accord in the

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two cases.

(12) Moreover in cases of the kind it would seem better not to commit oneself to annual grants: requests should come up annually and be decided on their merits and if funds admit. The Resident's sanction therefore need only cover the current year. (The P.M.C. may see these papers if considered necessary.)

10.9.34

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(13) Agree.

(14) We may say that in this case also Resident considers that a donation of 200/- is all that the Commission can afford to give, and that they should not allow themselves to be committed to giving an annual subscription for an indefinite period. The resolution may be confined to the sanction only of a donation of 200/- during the current year.

(15) (In actual fact the Commission are scarcely even in a position to afford the donation of 200/- each to this and the Y.M.C.A. Reading Room; but one feels that Government do something to encourage activities of this kind).

(16) I agree.

12.9.34

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S. N. H (Jodhpur)

# CORRESPONDENCE.

S.N.1.

13—2,000—5—4—1934.

No. 4|13|34
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CIVIL ARY STATION, BANGALORE
CIPAL OFFICE.
DATED...6th...July.....1934.

From

L. J. MAC IVE

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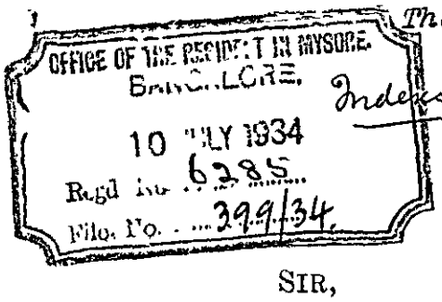
..... and Military station, BANGALORE.

To




The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident,
in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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SIR,

Subject:- Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham, Cavalry road, Civil and Military Station Bangalore - Municipal grant in aid of the Library and Reading Room.

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I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of an application from the Honorary Secretary, Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham for a grant of Rs.50/- per mensem in aid of the Sangham's Library and Reading Room. The application was considered by the Municipal Commission at their ordinary meeting held on the 28th June 1934 and they sanctioned a grant of Rs.200/- per annum in aid of its Library and Reading room on account of the Sangam's increased activities and usefulness. I submit the Commission's resolution NO.15 dated the 28th June 1934 for the orders of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore. The expenditure will have to be met from the closing balance of the current year.

2. In this connection, I would invite a reference to your memo NO.7937/65-1904 dated the 12th October 1922 in which a contribution from the Municipal Fund was not sanctioned for this purpose in 1922.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

PRESIDENT, M. C.

VVR.
6/7/34.

Copy of Letter dated 22nd May 1934 from the Honorary Secretary, Srimathi Anna Vasanthi Sangham, Bangalore, to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

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As desired by the Excecutive Committee of the above Sangham and on its behalf, I beg to submit this, my application for a Municipal grant in aid of the Sangham's Library and Reading Room, established years ago as part of the Sangham's main activties.

2. It may be seen from the copy of the printed retrospect of the Snagham's work herein enclosed for your kind information, - para 4 - how large is the reading public served by the Liberary and Reading Room, what measure of popularaty it enjoys and what additions have been made since 1932. It is learnt from the Library Clerk that no less 1108 persons had taken out books from the Labrary during 1933. The total NO. of volumes now in the Library both in English and in the Vernaculars is 1404 and that of the News papers periodicals placed on the table is 5 and 17 respectively. With the present slender resourses of the Sangham it has not been found possible either to add to the stock of books or to subscribe for the Madras Mail, The Times of India, The Pioneer, etc.,. The monthly expenditure involved in its upkeep is Rs.21/- on an average, and this does not include the amount paid for the journals. The money contribution and donations received hearly cover the heavy charges incurred in feeding and clothing the poor and the needy.

3. In the above circumstances, the Sangham respectfully prays that the Municipal Commission will be pleased to sanction with its characteristic generosity a substantial grant of Rs.50/- per mensem to enable us to go in for half - a -dozen daily newspapers and periodicals of this and other Presidencies and enhance the educative value of the Library by the addition of useful literature on modern problems.

Fully confident that our urgent need in this direction will be sympathetically considered and our prayer graciously granted.

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VKR.
6/7/34.

. Municipal Commission's resolution dated the 28th June 1934. (Ordinary meeting ).

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15. Application from the Honorary Secretary, Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham, requesting for a grant from the Municipal Commission in aid of the Sangham Library and Reading Room.

Recommended an annual grant of Rs.200/- per annum on account of increased activities and usefulness.

. Resolved that the Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham be given a grant of Rs.200/- per annum in aid of the Sangham Library and Reading Room on account of increased activities and usefulness.

(File NO.87 of 1922).

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(Sd). L. J. Mac Iver,

PRESIDENT, M. C.

VKR.
6/7/34.

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All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No.
No F.399-R.O.II/34.

FROM

Major C. G. N. Edwards, I.A.,
SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The President, Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

*Dated, Bangalore, the* 1st August *193* 4.

Subject.

Municipal grant to Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham in aid of its Library and Reading Room.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.4113/34, dated the 6th July 1934, I am directed to request that a copy of the printed retrospect referred to in letter dated the 22nd May 1934 from the Honorary Secretary, Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham to your address may kindly be sent for reference.

2. I am also to request that a copy of the Commission's debate relating to resolution No.15, dated the 28th June 1934 may kindly be forwarded.

3. The papers will be returned if desired.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

BJ
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13—2,000—5—4—1934.

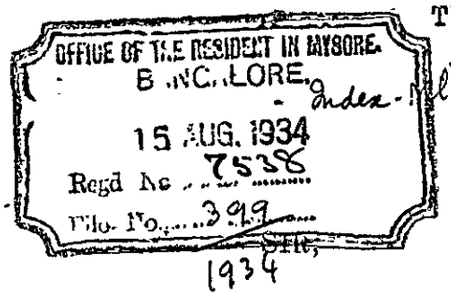
No. 4112/34
Encl: 1

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.
DATED 13th August 1934

From

L. J. MAC IVER, ESQ., I.C.S.,
*President, Municipal Commission,*
*Civil and Military station, BANGALORE.*

To




The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Subject:-Municipal grant to Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham in aid of its Library and Reading Room.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.F.399-R-O.II/34, dated the 1st August 1934, on the above subject, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of the printed retrospect referred to in the letter dated the 22nd May 1934 from the Honorary Secretary of the Sangham.

There was no debate when the grant was passed. The recommendation of the Standing Committee was put to the vote and the Commission approved of it.

P.S. 6-8 infra.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For PRESIDENT, M. C.

DIW.
11-8-34.

## Brief retrospect of the activities of the Srimathi Anna Vasanthi Sangham.

**Established in January 1898.**

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Since the celebration of the Sangham's Silver Jubilee in 1923, which occasion was availed of to issue a strong appeal for public support, it is gratifying that the progress of the Sangham has been steadily maintained, as may be seen from the statistics hereunder for the quinquinnium ended 31st December 1931.

1. **Strength.**—Though there had been no addition to membership which stood at 19 on 1st January 1927, there had been an increase in the number of monthly and yearly cash contributors from 382 to 502.

2. **Feeding.**—Special donations received from the public to undertake feedings on their behalf aggregated Rs. 4141, or Rs. 828 on an average per year. In addition, the Sangham's own contribution to feeding the poor on 13 festive occasions on its calendar, came to Rs. 1500 or Rs. 300 on an average. And so, the average annual expenditure on this item alone amounted roughly to Rs. 1038.

3. **Activities.**—Its activities have been varied during the past 5 years as, under its auspices, no less than 347 public lectures in English and in the Vernaculars had been delivered. The series of discourses given in Tamil bearing on ethics, Hindu Metaphysics and Spiritual culture on non-sectarian lines, had been so entrancing as to draw large audiences; so much so, the hall was invariably over packed; and no other conclusive proof was needed to show how vast was the benefit conferred on the public by such lectures. Harikathas 39 in number, with musical accompaniments, had been one of the special features of its public functions. Ladies were in great evidence on all occasions. There can be no two opinions that through this medium, the much needed spiritual atmosphere, is created and the religious nature of

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From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To The President, Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Issued 27.9.34.

Memorandum No. F.399-34 / R.O. II

Dated Bangalore, the 27th September 1934.

Municipal grant to Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham in aid of its Library and Reading Room.

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S.N.143/Cpl-6. Reference his letters No.4113/34, dated the 6th July and 13th August 1934, forwarding resolution No.15, dated the 28th June 1934 regarding payment from municipal funds of an annual grant of Rs.200/- to the Sreemathi Annavasanthi Sangham, Cavalry Road, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, in aid of its Library and Reading Room.

2. The Hon'ble the Resident is pleased to confirm the resolution only to the extent of a donation of Rs.200/- (rupees two hundred only) during the current year. He desires me to add that he considers that a donation of Rs.200/- is all that the Commission can afford and that they should not allow themselves to be committed to giving an annual subscription for an indefinite period.

for Secretary to the Resident.

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